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TO: Members of the Construction Code Commission
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SUBJECT: Interpretation Request

Question: A restaurant booth has two tiers of seating. One tier is at the main floor level, the second is 50 square feet 42 inches above the main floor level. This is all contained in a single free-standing fabricated unit. Is the restaurant booth with a raised seating level required to comply with section 1104.3 for access to all floor levels of a building?

Answer: No.

Comment: Section 1104.3 of the building code specifically only requires access to "floor levels" of a building. A floor level is an integral part the construction of the building. To be integral to the building permanent connections to structural, electrical, mechanical or plumbing systems must exist. If the restaurant booth is not integral to or permanently affixed to the building construction it is considered to be furniture. The code does not apply to furniture or portable fixtures, such as banquet platforms.